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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Kiyohiko UCHIDA et al.

Serial No. 09/486,262

Filed June 12, 2000

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GROUP 3726

Examiner M. Quemuel Jimenez

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 5, 2004

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of April 5, 2004,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing  
of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.

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In light of the amendments described above and the arguments offered in support thereof, applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

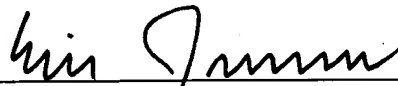
In the event that there are any questions relating to this amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Please charge the fee of \$172 for the two extra independent claims added herewith to Deposit Account No. 25-0120.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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